

Support for S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 regarding Absentee Voting

My name is Kenneth Foscue, and I am a voter from North Haven. Passing both S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 is extremely important to me because we as a state need to expand peoples' ability to vote. As of now, Connecticut has one of the most restrictive voting systems in the country. **Our state needs to be a beacon to the many states that are facing harsh, restrictive voter suppression laws.**

I believe voters should be able to vote this year by absentee ballot as COVID19 persists. Please continue the COVID19 safety measures for 2022 and allow everyone who fears exposure to COVID19 to vote by absentee ballot.

I am writing in support of [S.B. No. 184](#) (Raised) An Act Extending Through November 8, 2022, Several Changes Regarding Election Administration as a Result of Covid-19 and Concerning Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot. And [H.B. No. 5262](#) (Raised) An Act Revising Certain Absentee Voting Eligibility Statutes.

I support [S.B. No. 184](#) because it would extend the right to vote by absentee ballot using the fear of Covid as a valid excuse. There are many voters who do not feel safe going to the polls for a variety of reasons. Some voters have underlying medical conditions that makes Covid-19 especially frightening. Others care for elderly family members or infants. Without this extension these voters could be disenfranchised.

I support [H.B. No. 5262](#) as it would amend our state statutes regarding the "illness" provision for absentee ballot voting so that it is in line with our CT State Constitution. This would help eliminate any ambiguities that might arise and also in the event of future pandemics or medical emergencies it would enable all registered voters to vote by absentee ballot in case of illness without our state government having to rush to pass last minute legislation.

Thank you for supporting voter access to the ballot.

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